Allotment of Flats by P. V. C. G. H. S

4612. SHRI MANMOHAN MATHUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Parvatiya Vikas Co-operative Group Housing Society Limited has constructed 82 flats in Plot No. B-6, Vasundhra Enclave, Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that originally there was a proposal to construct 86 flats and the Society enrolled 86 members but due to Delhi Development Authority's insistence the Society finally constructed 82 flats;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the society has accepted resignations tendered by 4 members to enable the Society to allot flats to its 82 members;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Society has refunded the deposits of only one Member due to paucity of funds; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to ensure that flats are allotted to the remaining 4 members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. According to the office of the Registrar, Coop. Societies, the original proposal of the society was to construct 82 flats against the approved strength of 82 members. However, in pursuance of decision taken on 15.2.87 the General Body, the society has constructed four additional flats and enrolled four new members. These four flats were later on demolished at the instance of DDA.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. The society has refunded the deposits of one member whose resignation has been accepted. The dues of remaining three such members have not been refunded due to paucity of funds The society has informed that their dues shall be refunded by arranging loan from Delhi Coop. Housing Financing Society Ltd.

(e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Declaration of National Cities

4613. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare some cities as National Cities because of their rapid growth of population and increase in the number of slums;

(b) whether Government have received any representations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Planning Commission propose to make special allocation for improvement of living conditions in these cities;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) The Government of India do not declare any cities as National Cities. Taking into consideration the present population, urban growth rate and contribution that the Mega Cities make towards National development, a Centrally sponsored scheme for infrastructural development of Mega

cities has been formulated by the Planning Commission. Proposals received from the State Governments of Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for infrastructural development in the cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad respectively have been recommended to the Planning Commission. Bangalore city also will be covered. However, proposals from Govt. of Karnataka for Bangalore has not been received by the Ministry.

(d) to (f) Discussions have been held with the State Governments by the Planning Commission. No final decision has been arrived at regarding size of projects to be taken up in each of these cities and the pattern of funding.

Case of high handedness by MCD

4614. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) threw out the furniture and equipments of habitat polytechnic in Delhi recently to house the Transport Department;

(b) if so, what is the loss suffered by the Institute as a consequence thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for resorting to such a course of action by the MCD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Municipal Corporation of Delhi have denied the allegation.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above, do not arise.

Fire at Nirula's Restaurant at Connaught Place

4615. SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any fire at Nirula's Restaurant at Connaught Place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; whether any case has since been registered; if not, why;

(c) whether they have a licence to run hotel and restaurant; if so, details thereof;

(d) whether they have a licence from Delhi Fire Service and by when Delhi Fire Service inspected the premises last and any report has been filed, if so, details thereof;

(e) whether any violation of rules have been found or not;

(f) whether it is a fact that they have converted mezzanine floor of the hotel into restaurant in violation of rules; whether it is also a fact that there is hardly any distance between the Airconditioning plant and gas room of the hotel; and

(g) what immediate steps Government propose to take for prosecution of the management for violation of rules and seal the hotel till the hotel has complied with all safety measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A minor fire incident in the kitchen of Pot Pourri, one of the Restaurants of Nirula's Hotel, situated at Connaught Place, New Delhi, had occurred on 12-8-93 at 12.05 P.M., which was controlled by the staff of the Nirula's Restaurant promptly within half an hour with the help of fire services officers and fire fighting gadgets available in the restau-